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Applicant: Roth, Douglas

Serial No: ~~09/930,515~~

Filed: August 15, 2001

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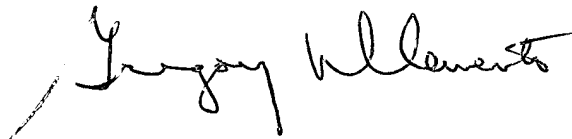
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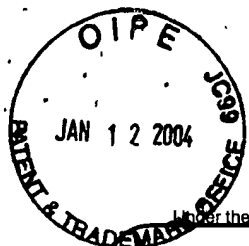
In view of this information, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be rescinded, and it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,

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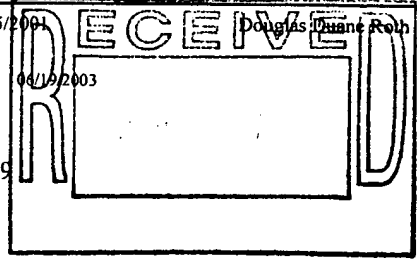
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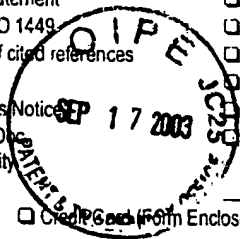
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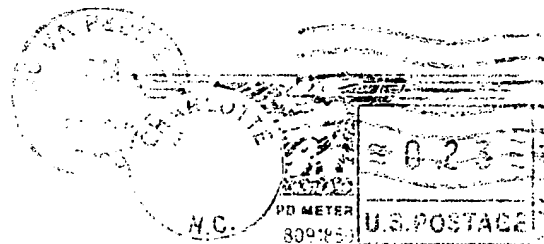
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